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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: MARCOS DENOUNCES "MORAL

- IMPERIALISM" AND CALLS FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION THAT "NO DEVELOPED COUNTRY" CAN ACT AS "OMBUDSMAN OF THE PHILIPPINES OR GUARDIAN OF THE RIGHTS OF THE FILIPINOS." LOCAL MEDIA HAVE PLAYED UP THIS ASPECT OF HIS SPEECH. MARCOS ALSO CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC REFORMS TO BENEFIT POOR COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO THE MANILA MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION AUGUST 28, PRESIDENT MARCOS DEVOTED SOME PARAGRAPHS TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS. MANILA PRESS AUGUST 29 FOCUSED ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECT OF SPEECH. BANNER HEADLINES IN MAJOR PAPERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: BULLETIN TODAY: "FM TAKES STRONG STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS"; DAILY EXPRESS: "FM CHIDES HUMAN RIGHTS PREACHERS"; TIMES JOURNAL: "FM HITS HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICS -- SAYS RP IS ITS OWN WATCHDOG."

3. FOLLOWING IS PUBLISHED TEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS PARAGRAPHS OF SPEECH, WHICH MARCOS PARAPHRASED SLIGHTLY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTUAL DELIVERY:

- "... WE IN THE PHILIPPINES DO NOT NEED AND WE REPUDIATE THE CONCEPT THAT AS THE PEOPLE OF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, THE FILIPINOS SHOULD RUN TO A DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS. FOR NO DEVELOPED COUNTRY CAN ARROGATE UNTO ITSELF THE FUNCTION

OF ACTING AS OMBUDSMAN OF THE PHILIPPINES OR GUARDIAN OF THE RIGHTS OF THE FILIPINOS. THIS FUNCTION THE FILIPINOS, WITH THEIR VENERABLE RECORD OF SACRIFICE IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY, ARE BEST EQUIPPED TO DO; AND FROM THIS FUNCTION, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF STEPPING BACKWARD IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO WOULD PRESUME TO UNDERTAKE WHAT IS BEST LEFT TO OURSELVES.

- OUR POSITION, OF COURSE, IS BASED ON DOMESTIC LAW. A PERSON WHOSE RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED MUST FIRST EXHAUST ALL ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES BEFORE EMBARKING ON AN EXTRAORDINARY JUDICIAL COURSE OF ACTION. WE NEED NOT GLOSS OVER THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOT ONE GOVERNMENT ON EARTH WHICH HAS NOT VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THE PROPER INQUIRY IS NOT MERELY WHETHER ANY HUMAN RIGHT HAS BEEN VIOLATED BUT RATHER WHETHER THE VIOLATION IS A PART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND IF NOT, WHETHER SUCH A GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO REDRESS THE VIOLATION ACCORDING TO LAW. FOREIGN OBSERVERS OR INTERVENTIONISTS DO NOT SEEM TO REALIZE THIS.

- AS HEAD OF STATE OF A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, I PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON A HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY THAT EMBRACES POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS ON THE ONE HAND, AND ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS ON THE OTHER HAND. HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED SO NARROWLY THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUE IS RESTRICTED ONLY TO POLITICAL AND CIVIL FREEDOMS.

MOREOVER, IT MUST BE UNDERSCORED THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE CANNOT BE UTILIZED AS A VEHICLE FOR A NEW "MORAL IMPERIALISM" ESPECIALLY WHEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO IGNORE THE DEMAND FOR A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES WORLDWIDE, AND FOR INCREASED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE THIRD WORLD."

4. MARCOS THEN ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO ADVOCATING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE SAID:

- "... IN THE NIEO, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEK THE FOLLOWING GOALS: (1) GREATER ACCESS FOR THEIR EXPORTS -- MANUFACTURED, RAW MATERIALS AND AGRICULTURAL -- IN THE MARKETS OF THE DEVELOPED NATIONS; (2) STABILIZATION OF COMMODITY PRICES AND COMMODITY EXPORT EARNINGS; (3) INCREASED FLOW OF CAPITAL, BOTH CONCESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL, TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THEIR MOUNTING DEBT BURDEN; (4) NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD; AND (5) IMPROVED

ACCESS TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AT REDUCED COST."

MARCOS ALSO CALLED FOR GENERALIZED DEBT RELIEF. HE
CONCLUDED:

- "... FINALLY, WE FULLY REALIZE THAT THE NEW NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE, TO BE MEANINGFUL, SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED
NOT BY OUTBURSTS OF RHETORIC, BUT BY THE VOICE OF REASON;
AND THIS BEING SO, THE DIALOGUE WILL EXTEND NOT ONLY TO
THE END OF, BUT PERHAPS EVEN BEYOND, THIS CENTURY."

5. ACCORDING TO THE PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY, AN ILA

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGIONAL PROBLEMS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS LATER "EXPRESSED ITS FULL ACCORD TO
PRESIDENT MARCOS' PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW WORLD
ECONOMIC ORDER AS A VITAL STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AFRO-ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN
REGIONS." THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (FROM INDIA) TOLD
NEWSMEN, "THERE IS INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN POLITICAL AND
CIVIL RIGHTS ON ONE HAND, AND ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND
SOCIAL RIGHTS ON THE OTHER, WHICH CALL FOR AN INTEGRATED
APPROACH TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS
IMPLEMENTATION." MURPHY

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